

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Joe Balyeat, on February 15, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 228, 2/8/2011; SB 269, 2/8/2011; SB 294, 2/8/2011

**HEARING ON SB 228**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:54 Sen. Jason Priest (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 228, Prohibit creation of state-based health insurance exchange.

00:09:08 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy arrived

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:11:33 William Biernaut, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:12:20 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)

00:19:44 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:22:44 Jesse Laslovich, appearing on behalf of Monica Lindeen, State Auditor

00:24:10 Barbara Swehla, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

00:26:17 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

00:26:58 Stacy Anderson, Director Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood Montana (PPM)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:49 Sen. Jackson

00:33:22 Mr. Cote, BCBS

00:34:58 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

00:37:54 Mr. Laslovich, State Auditor's office

00:38:56 Sen. Mowbray

00:40:57 Mr. Laslovich

00:41:21 Sen. Tropila

00:41:55 Mr. Cote

00:43:44 Sen. Moore

00:44:04 Mr. Cote

00:44:23 Sen. Facey arrived.

00:45:17 Sen. Vuckovich

00:46:16 Sen. Priest

00:47:56 Sen. Tropila

00:48:02 Sen. Priest

00:50:00 Sen. Tropila

00:50:53 Mr. Laslovich

00:53:36 Sen. Jackson

00:55:01 Mr. Cote

00:57:52 Chairman Balyeat

01:00:10 Mr. Cote

01:01:30 Sen. Facey  
01:01:59 Mr. Laslovich  
01:02:28 Sen. Mowbray  
01:03:08 Sen. Priest  
01:05:07 Sen. Tropila  
01:05:51 Sen. Priest  
01:11:11 Sen. Vuckovich  
01:12:06 Sen. Priest  
01:12:36 Sen. Tropila  
01:13:45 Sen. Priest  
01:14:47 Chairman Balyeat  
01:16:52 Sen. Tropila  
01:17:04 Chairman Balyeat

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:18:07 Sen. Priest  
01:18:47 Sen. Windy Boy arrived  
01:21:37 Chairman Balyeat left the room  
01:22:08 Recess  
01:26:18 Resume  
01:26:53 Vice Chairman Jackson assumed the position of Chair.

**HEARING ON SB 269**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:27:34 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 269, Exempt certain nonprofit housing developers from manufactured housing provisions.  
01:28:27 Chairman Balyeat returned.  
01:29:30 Sen. Windy Boy left the room.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:30:04 Sheila Rice, Executive Director, NeighborWorks Great Falls  
01:33:33 Bruce Brensdal, Administrator, Housing Division, Department of Commerce (DOC)  
01:34:41 Julie Flynn, NeighborWorks  
01:35:45 Maureen Rude, NeighborWorks

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:37:37 Stuart Doggett, Executive Director, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV Association

[EXHIBIT\(bus37a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus37a02\)](#)

01:42:48 Josh Wallery, Dealer, Mountain West Homes

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:48:43 Sen. Facey  
01:49:56 Ms. Rice, NeighborWorks  
01:50:12 Sen. Facey  
01:50:15 Mr. Wallery, Mountain West Homes  
01:50:57 Sen. Tropila  
01:51:22 Ms. Rice  
01:52:55 Sen. Tropila  
01:56:26 Mr. Wallery  
01:57:02 Sen. Mowbray  
01:57:47 Mr. Doggett, defer question, without objection  
01:59:09 Ms. Rice  
02:00:09 Sen. Vuckovich  
02:01:20 Ms. Rude  
02:01:33 Sen. Tropila  
02:02:00 Mr. Brensdal, DOC  
02:02:28 Vice Chairman Jackson  
02:03:52 Ms. Rice  
02:04:12 Sen. Moore  
02:05:00 Sen. Buttrey  
02:05:12 Sen. Mowbray  
02:05:47 Ms. Rice  
02:06:12 Sen. Balyeat  
02:06:23 Mr. Doggett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:08:47 Sen. Buttrey  
  
02:11:44 Vice Chair Jackson  
  
02:11:52 Recess  
02:18:00 Resume  
  
02:18:28 Chairman Balyeat

**HEARING ON SB 294**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:19:27 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 294, Revise workforce training grant program.

**EXHIBIT(bus37a03)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

02:31:30 Andy Poole, Department of Commerce (DOC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:31:48 Sen. Facey  
02:36:13 Mr. Poole, DOC  
02:36:55 Sen. Vuckovich  
02:38:00 Mr. Poole  
02:38:34 Sen. Mowbray  
02:39:05 Mr. Poole  
02:39:51 Sen. Tropila  
02:41:55 Mr. Poole  
02:42:00 Sen. Facey  
02:43:38 Sen. Buttrey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:46:37 Sen. Buttrey

02:48:31 Chairman Balyeat

**Further Questions from Committee Members**

02:48:46 Sen. Tropila asked about SB 269, previously heard today  
02:48:54 Sen. Buttrey  
  
02:49:59 Chairman Balyeat

Note: Additional exhibit was received on SB 272 relating to prescription privileges for psychologists. This bill was heard in committee on 2/11/11.

**EXHIBIT(bus37a04)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:50 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus37aad.pdf](#))**